

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Phelps (Felps) W5531

Tekel Phelps

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State of Georgia Jasper County} SS

On this twenty eighth day of October 1834, personally appeared in open Court before John G. Polhill Judge of the Superior Court of the Oakmulgee [sic, Okmulgee] Circuit & said County it being a Court of Record, Thomas Phelps a resident of the County of Jasper and State of Georgia aged seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781 with Captain James Stallings & served in the Georgia as State Legion Regiment, under the following named officers -- James Stallings was the Captain of deponent's company & Colonel James Jackson was the Colonel of the Regiment. Deponent states that at the time of his enlistment in Colonel Jackson's Legion he resided on the Kiokee Creek in the State of Georgia -- he continued in said Legion in active service in the company of Captain Stallings for the term of Twelve months at which time his service expired & was legally discharged by Colonel Jackson's, -- at Augusta which discharge deponent now forwards¹ to the War department with this application as evidence of the truth of his Services -- This deponent states that he was born in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1758 -- he has a record of his age & it is now at his home -- he resided in Georgia on Kiokee Creek when called into service -- Since the Revolution he has lived in North & South Carolina, then moved to Georgia where he has lived upwards of 40 years & now resides in Jasper County -- deponent says that he entered as a volunteer in Colonel Jackson's Legion; & recollects frequently seeing Colonel Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] & Colonel Candler [William Candler] during the time he was in Service -- he further states that he received a discharge from Colonel Jackson at Augusta & now has in his possession -- he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Wm B. Stokes, Clk

S/ Thomas Phelps, X his mark

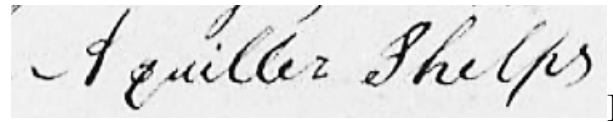
[Meshach Lowry, a clergyman, and Reuben C. Shorter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: In 1851 in Floyd County Georgia, Tekel Phelps, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the

¹ This file does not contain any discharge nor any indication of what, if anything, happened to any discharges the veteran submitted in support of his claim.

1836 act; that she is the widow of Thomas Phelps, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he resided in Rowan County North Carolina then in Hancock County Georgia, then in Clark County Georgia and then in Jasper County, Georgia; that in 1784 (day and month not recollected) she married Thomas Phelps and that she is yet his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 8: On March 18, 1851, Aquiller Phelps [Aquilla Phelps], 61, made oath in Floyd County Georgia that he is the legitimate son of Thomas Phelps; that his father died on July 12, 1836 and Jasper County Georgia; and that his mother has remained a widow ever since the death of his father.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aquiller Phelps". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the early 19th century.

[family record:

Aquiller Felps was born the 12th day of December 1789

Ms Nancy Felps was born September the 9th 1785

Thos Felps Born August 19th 1759

Teclle Felps was Born September 1767]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing 4 March 1831 for service as a private for one year in the Georgia State Legion. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]